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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PENDLETON DIVISION

BOB MESCH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO.,
L.P.A., PC,**

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:13-cv-1695

COMPLAINT;

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES
ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1692a, *et seq.*);

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* (hereinafter "FDCPA").

II. JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Bob Mesch ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in Canyon

County, Idaho.

4. Defendant, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis CO., L.P.A., PC, (“Defendant”) is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone in Oregon. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Defendant is a “debt collector” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

6. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a “debt,” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant’s conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.

9. Communicating or threatening to communicate credit information which is known or which should be known to be false, including requesting Plaintiff’s credit report via a “hard pull,” which indicates that Plaintiff sought credit from Defendant and harms Plaintiff’s credit score (§ 1692e(8)).

10. Failing to disclose Defendant’s true corporate or business name in a telephone call to Plaintiff (§ 1692d(6)).

11. Failing to notify Plaintiff during each collection contact that the communication was from a debt collector (§ 1692e(11)).

12. Failing to provide Plaintiff with the notices required by 15 USC § 1692g, either in the initial communication with Plaintiff, or in writing within 5 days thereof (1692g(a)).

13. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

14. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.

15. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.

16. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed above, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

17. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

18. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k;
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,
- E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Dated this 24th day of September, 2013.

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